

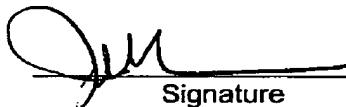
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TITLE: RETARDATION LAYER AND LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 11, 2008 having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on April 11, 2008. Also submitted with this response is a Request for two-month Extension with the required fee, to extend the period of reply to June 11, 2008.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner made a restriction requirement, under 35 U.S.C. §121, between Invention I, Claim 26, drawn to a method of manufacturing a retardation layer and Invention II and Claims 1-25, drawn to a retardation layer device. Applicant elects the Invention II, Claims 1-25, drawn to a retardation layer device claims. Applicant also further provisionally elects species A, a retardation layer device of a first embodiment as described at pages 19-38 of the specification (corresponds to claims 8-18 and claims 21-25) and species G, a retardation layer device has a molecular structure of a three dimensionally linked cross-linked chiral nematic LCD as described at page 15, lines 14-16 of the specification (corresponds to claim 19).